

BOOK NOTICES

Guide to the Insects of Connecticut. Part V. The Odonata or Dragonflies of Connecticut. By Philip Garman, Ph.D. Published as Bulletin No. 39 by the State Geological and Natural History Survey. 1927. 331 pp., 22 plates, 67 text-figures, bibliography, glossary and index.

Students of North American dragonflies have been, as a whole, fortunate in the past in having the group treated in a painstaking and careful manner, and the present book is a continuation of this good fortune.

The following subjects are treated in the introduction: habits and life history, parasites and enemies, general characters of the Odonata, external anatomy, how to distinguish the sexes, variability, collecting and preserving. Then follows the taxonomic part in which there are tables and descriptions covering 164 species, 112 of which are recorded from Connecticut. The numerous figures greatly help in the determination of the species.

The book will be found very useful to a considerable number of entomologists as the species of dragonflies often have a wide distribution.—WM. T. DAVIS.

Histological Technique. A Guide for Use in a Laboratory Course in Histology. By B. F. Kingsbury, Ph.D., M.D. and O. A. Johannsen, Ph.D. N. Y. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. 1927. 142 pp., 16 illustrations, references and index. Price, \$2.25 net.

This book should be very useful to the average entomologist, amateur or otherwise, giving him detailed instruction in the best way of preparing and preserving his material for certain purposes. The subjects covered are fixation with list of fixers, isolation, sectioning and imbedding, staining, mounting, sealing and labeling, the microscope and accessories, special methods for various animal forms. Under the last heading are instructions for the treatment of spiders, myriapods, Collembola, neuropteroids, scale insects, aphids, Lepidoptera, Diptera, Coleoptera and Hymenoptera.—WM. T. DAVIS.